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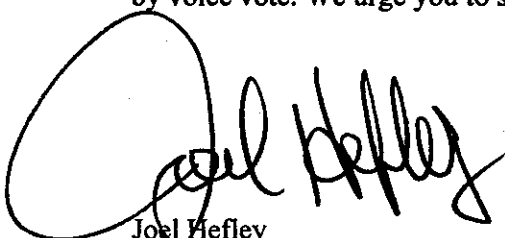
The House will soon consider H.R. 4205, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, we are writing to inform you of the key elements in the legislation affecting the military construction (MILCON) program.

We remain concerned about the deteriorating condition of our military installations and are especially concerned about the impact of inadequate facilities and military housing on readiness and retention. The testimony received by the subcommittee through the oversight hearing process clearly demonstrates the need for reinvestment in basic infrastructure. The bill contains a number of important provisions affecting the military construction and military family housing programs of the Department of Defense that will help alleviate part of the problem.

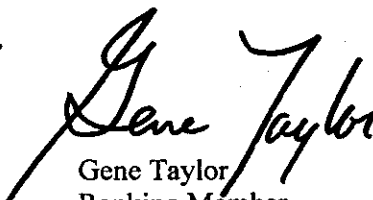
H.R. 4205 would authorize \$8.4 billion for the military construction and military family housing programs of the Department of Defense and the military services for FY 2001. The recommendations of the committee represent a \$400 million increase above the President's request, including \$163 million of unfunded requirements identified by the military services. Included in the bill is an additional \$253 million to support construction of troop housing, military family housing, and other facilities that directly affect the quality of life for military personnel and their families, and an additional \$221 million to support upgrades affecting the training and readiness of the reserve components.

H.R. 4205 continues the bipartisan commitment that the House has consistently demonstrated in recent years to improving the Nation's military infrastructure and to enhancing the quality of life for military personnel and their families. The MILCON provisions of the bill were reported by the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities on a vote of 17-0 and adopted by the full committee by voice vote. We urge you to support H.R. 4205.

Sincerely,



Joel Hefley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Military Installations  
and Facilities



Gene Taylor  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Military Installations  
and Facilities